

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11, 12 and 19-27 were pending at the time of the mailing of the outstanding Office Action. By this amendment, claims 1 and 21 have been amended. No further claims have been added or cancelled. In the Office Action of 27 June 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 11, 12 and 19-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by US Pat. No. 6,445,948 to Somdahl et al. (hereinafter "Somdahl").

Interview Summary

A telephone interview was held between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney on October 2, 2006. The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during that interview. During the interview, the wording of the claim 1, specifically regarding the relative location of the component carrier and the flat side of the battery and the gap between the narrow side of the battery and the housing, was discussed. Agreement was reached that if the word "adjoining" was substituted for "adjacent" and if the description of the free spaces adjacent to the narrow side of the battery was amended to include greater reference to the structures contributing to the formation of the free space or gap, as reflected in the claims as currently amended, the claims would distinguish over Somdahl. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include both of these changes. Claim 21 has been amended to recite that the underside of the component carrier adjoins the flat side of the battery.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the applicants submit that the claims are in a condition to permit allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 11, 12 and 19-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The outstanding final Office Action was mailed on 27 June 2006. The Examiner set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from the mailing date of the final action. Accordingly, a petition is hereby made for a one month extension of time for response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee, including the fee for a one month extension of time for response, or to credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 15-0450.

Respectfully submitted,

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